

**TEST PAPER**  
**Version 1 A**

**I. Reading (Citirea selectiva)**  
**Text 1**

The Mystery of the Maya

The Mayan Indians lived in Mexico for thousands of years before the Spanish arrived in the 1500s. The Maya were an intelligent, culturally rich people whose achievements were many. They had farms, beautiful palaces, and cities with many buildings. The Mayan people knew a lot about nature and the world around them. This knowledge helped them to live a better life than most people of that time, because they could use it to make their lives more comfortable and rewarding. Knowledge about tools and farming, for instance, made their work easier and more productive.

The Maya believed in many gods, including rain gods, sun gods, and corn gods. The people built large temples to honor the Mayan gods. Skillful workers built cities around these temples. It was difficult for them to construct these cities, because they had no horses to carry the heavy stone they used to build with. Workers had to carry all of the building materials themselves. Today, many of these ancient Mayan cities and temples are still standing.

Although the cities that the Maya built were beautiful, and the people worked hard to build them, very few of the people lived in them. Usually, only the priests lived in the cities.

The other people lived in small villages in the forests. Their houses were much simpler than the elaborate structures in the cities. They lived in small huts with no windows. The walls were made of poles covered with dried mud, and the roof was made of grass or leaves. Most Maya lived a simple life close to nature.

Measuring time was important to the Maya, so they developed a system for measuring it accurately. Farmers needed to know when to plant and harvest their crops. Mayan priests made a system to keep track of time. They wrote numbers as dots (...) and bars (-). A dot was one and a bar was five.

The Mayan priests studied the Sun, Moon, stars, and planets. They made a calendar from what they learned. The year was divided into 18 months of 20 days each with five days left over. The Mayan calendar was far more accurate than the European calendars of the time.

Around the year 800, the Maya left their villages and beautiful cities, never to return. No one knows why this happened. They may have died from an infectious disease. They may have left because the soil could no longer grow crops. Archaeologists are still trying to find the lost secrets of the Maya. They are still one of our greatest mysteries.

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c, or d:**

**1. The Maya were an intelligent, culturally rich people whose achievements were many.** What is a synonym for the word *achievements*?

- a. mistakes
- b. successes
- c. roads
- d. headaches

2. **The Maya lived in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- Spain
  - Canada
  - U.S.A
  - Mexico
3. **The Spanish arrived in Mexico in the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> century
  - in the 1500s
  - winter
  - dark
4. **The Mayan workers used horses to carry the heavy stones they used to build their cities.**
- True
  - False
  - Not stated in the article
  - Sometimes
5. **Many Mayan cities and temples are still standing today because \_\_\_\_\_.**
- they were so well built
  - they are not very old
  - they have been rebuilt
  - there is never any bad weather in Mexico
6. **The Maya believed in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- gods
  - rain
  - crops
  - corn and beans
7. **Ordinary Mayans lived in small villages \_\_\_\_\_.**
- in the cities
  - in the trees
  - in the forests
  - in the corn fields
8. **The Mayan priests made a calendar from what they learned. The year was divided into \_\_\_\_\_.**
- seventeen months
  - seventy months
  - six months
  - eighteen months
9. **Around the year 800, the Maya \_\_\_\_\_ their villages and beautiful cities, never to return.**
- felt
  - lived
  - left
  - died
10. **Archaeologists are still trying to find the lost secrets of the Maya.**
- True
  - False
  - Not stated in the article.
  - Nobody knows that.

**Text 2 (Citirea cu atenție)**

Tattooing is an old art. In ancient Greece, people who had tattoos were considered to be members of the upper classes. On the other hand, tattooing was banned in Europe by the early Christians who considered it to be a sinful thing. It was not until the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, when Captain Cook saw South Sea Islanders decorating their bodies with tattoos, that attitudes began to change. Sailors came back from these islands with pictures of Christ on their backs and from then on, tattooing gained in popularity. A survey by the French army in 1881 showed that among the 378 men questioned, there were 1,333 designs.

Nowadays, not everybody finds tattoos acceptable. Some people think that getting one is silly because tattoos are more or less permanent. There is also some concern about catching blood diseases from unsterilised needles. Even for those who do want a tattoo, the process of getting one is not painless, but the final result, in their eyes, is worth the pain.

**11. Early Christians considered tattooing to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. acceptable
- b. a sin
- c. a harmless decoration of the body
- d. an old art

**12. When did Captain Cook visit the South Sea Islands?**

- a. In the late 18th century.
- b. In the 19th century.
- c. In 1881.
- d. In 1333.

**13. People who had tattoos were considered to be members of the upper classes here.**

- a. In ancient Rome
- b. In ancient Greece
- c. In South Sea Islands
- d. In France

**14. What can happen if tattoo artists use unsterilised needles?**

- a. You can catch some blood diseases.
- b. You can catch a cold.
- c. You can gain popularity.
- d. You can change your attitude.

**15. How is the tattooing process?**

- a. Painless
- b. Painful
- c. Painly
- d. Penniless

**II Grammar .**

**Choose the best answer a, b, c or d:**

**16. Have you ever been to Moscow?**

- a. Yes, I did.
- b. No, I have.
- c. Yes, I am.
- d. Yes, I have.

**17. Christopher Columbus,..... was the first European to discover America, was born in Italy in 1451.**

- a. which
- b. that
- c. whom
- d. who

**18. When.....school?**

- a. did your brother finish
- b. your brother finished
- c. your brother did finish
- d. did your brother finished

**19. They left early, \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a. don't they
- b. didn't they
- c. did they
- d. aren't they

**20. When I first met her \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- a. she was working in a small restaurant
- b. she worked in a small restaurant
- c. she has been working in a small restaurant
- d. she was worked in a small restaurant

**21. My skirt is \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.**

- a. more long
- b. long
- c. longest
- d. longer

**22. You \_\_\_\_\_ be Simon. I've heard a lot of good things about you.**

- a. could
- b. may
- c. must
- d. should

**23. If he \_\_\_\_\_ hard, he will definitely have good results.**

- a. will work
- b. had worked
- c. works
- d. is working

**24. I have no money in my wallet. \_\_\_\_\_ is in my pocket, at home.**

- a. Them
- b. They
- c. Its
- d. It

**25. If Sally had come, she would have won.**

- a. If she hadn't won, she'd have come.
- b. Sally didn't win because she didn't come.
- c. When Sally came she never won.
- d. She didn't come, but she won anyway.

**III. Vocabulary**

Select the best answer a, b, c or d:

**26. Mrs. Smith has lived nearly 115 years.**

- a. She liked live concerts.
- b. She will be home soon.
- c. She died when she was nearly 115.
- d. Mrs. Smith lived in a very old house.

**27. It's Thursday today. I'll see Bill tomorrow. When will I see Bill?**

- a. On Sunday
- b. On Friday
- c. On Monday
- d. On Saturday

**28. James bought a new vehicle. What did James buy?**

- a. a typewriter
- b. a heater
- c. a car
- d. a vending machine

**29. My friend lives in a spacious house. Where does he live?**

- a. in a large house
- b. in a small house
- c. in a crowded house
- d. in a busy house

**30. The visibility was poor yesterday. I.....**

- a. couldn't see very far
- b. didn't have much money
- c. met my best friend
- d. didn't see any of my friends

**31. Larry sent a letter to his mother.**

- a. Larry's mother got a letter from her son.
- b. Larry's mother sent a letter to her son.
- c. The letter was written by his mother.
- d. Larry and his mother sent a letter.

**32. They didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ to do last night.**

- a. anything
- b. nothing
- c. nowhere
- d. anywhere

**33. Food spoils \_\_\_\_\_ if it is not kept in a refrigerator.**

- a. ease
- b. easily
- c. easy
- d. easing

34. The post office is straight ahead. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. to your left
- b. behind you
- c. very close
- d. in front of you

35. I was exhausted after working all day.

- a. feeling fine
- b. active
- c. tired
- d. asleep

IV. Writing. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d:

36.

- a. She was interested in English learning.
- b. She was interested in learning English.
- c. She in English learning was interested.
- d. She was English interested in learning.

37.

- a. The student go to had to a meeting last night.
- b. Last night the student to a meeting had to go.
- c. To a meeting last night the student had to go.
- d. The student had to go to a meeting last night.

38. What's the meaning of the following sentence?

**Summer is my favorite season.**

- a. It's the season that I like the least.
- b. It's the season that everybody likes.
- c. It's the season that I dislike.
- d. It's the season that I like the best.

39. What's the best way to combine the following two sentences?

**The mall isn't near. We can't walk to it.**

- a. The mall isn't near enough to walk to it.
- b. The mall enough near isn't to walk to it.
- c. The mall to walk to it isn't near enough.
- d. To the mall to walk isn't it near enough.

40. Choose the correct sentence a, b, c, or d:

- a. Does in the family everyone know how to drive?
- b. Does everyone know in the family haw to drive?
- c. Does everyone know how is the family to drive?
- d. Does everyone in the family know how to drive?

41. If I \_\_\_\_\_ Harry yesterday, I would have told you.

- a. had seen
- b. saw
- c. would see
- d. see

42. Joe doesn't like to go to the movies.
- Joe dislikes the movies.
  - Joe prefers going to the movies by himself.
  - Joe wants company when he goes to the movies.
  - Joe doesn't like to go to long movies .
43. Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
- "I believe," Jack remarked, "that the best time of year to visit Europe is in the spring. At least that's what I read in a book entitled Guide to Europe."
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44. Choose the correct sentence:
- Why there weren't enough food for dinner?
  - Why weren't there enough food for dinner?
  - Why there wasn't enough food for dinner?
  - Why wasn't there enough food for dinner?
- 45.
- Many people surprised are to see haw large New York is really.
  - Many people surprised are to see how New York really large is.
  - Many people surprised are to see how New York is really large.
  - Many people are surprised to see how large New York really is.